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SUBJECT: STUDENT UNREST AT ALEXANDRIA UNIVERSITY

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1. CONGEN HAS BELATEDLY LEARNED THAT STUDENTS OF ENGINEERING FACULTY OF ALEXANDRIA UNIVERSITY ATTEMPTED DEMONSTRATE AND HAD CLASH WITH SECURITY FORCES ON JANUARY 3.

2. ACCORDING WELL-INFORMED SOURCE, ENGINEERING SCHOOL HAS LONG BEEN KNOWN AS STRONGEST PRO-COMMUNIST STUDENT GROUP. PRESUMABLY IN CONNECTION WITH RECENTLY REPORTED ARRESTS OF ALLEGED COMMUNISTS GOE CLAIMS HAVE BEEN STIRRING UP TROUBLE (REFTEL), STUDENT ACTIVIST LEADER NAMED MARWANI (OR MELWANI) WAS ARRESTED ON JANUARY 2. FOLLOWING DAY HIS SISTER CAME TO ENGINEERING SCHOOL AND SOUGHT STUDENT SUPPORT
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FOR HIS RELEASE. STUDENTS RALLIED TO HER AND DECIDED

TO MARCH THROUGH CITY TO UNIVERSITY'S ARTS AND SCIENCES
CAMPUS MILE OR TWO DISTANT TO URGE STUDENT SUPPORT THERE.

3. POLICE INTERVENED TO PREVENT MARCH AND SOME SPIRITED
SCUFFLING BROKE OUT. FOURTEEN STUDENTS WERE ARRESTED.
FOLLOWING MOSLEM SABBATH JANUARY 4 STUDENTS QUIETED DOWN,
BUT ENGINEERING SCHOOL STILL UNDER CLOSE SURVEILLANCE OF
INTERNAL SECURITY PERSONNEL.
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